GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Approval to Distant Education Courses in Kerala
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has refused to give approval to the Distant Education (DE) Courses of some Universities in the State of Kerala for academic year 2015-16;
(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and
(c) the steps taken to restore the recognition to the said course during the year 2015-16 and also for approval of the DE courses in the futu

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) to (c): As per the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC) that based on the decision taken by the Distance Education Committee of the Commission, it has withdrawn the recognition granted to the University of Kerala for academic year 2015-16 on 15th July, 2015. Further, the recognition to the Open & Distance Learning (ODL) programmes of the University of Calicut were also not extended by the Distance Education Committee of the Commission after the direction of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala for violating UGC guidelines on distance education. With regard to the restoration of recognition to the ODL programs, these two Universities would have to abide by the guidelines and policy of the UGC in the matter.